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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 8, delete the 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph, and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached:

Figs. 2A and 2B are diagrams showing the construction of leading/trailing packets in ICMA/PE according to a preferred embodiment of the priority data transfer method of the invention;